.tion to raise subscriptions for the purpose of getting work performed by the Police is under discussion. Another point also requires consideration: the inhabitants of the Town have opened an English school in the town at their own cost. With the view of its being made a Government institution, they petitioned the authorities on the subject and the Education Secretary stated that if half of the cost of the institution could be met from school fees, the other half might be paid by the Municipality and the Government; but the Municipal revenue does not allow of any contribution being made towards the maintenance of the English school. It is therefore prayed that Octroi might be allowed to be levied in this Town as is done in the towns of Davangere, Harihar, Chitaldroog and Hosdurga, when the financial condition of the Municipality would improve and funds would become available for the above mentioned purposes.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be communicated to the Deputy Commissioner for a report.

Subject No. 93.
Extra grant required for Challakere Annachattram.

Summary of discussion.—There were two Annachattrams in this Taluk; one at Challakere and the other at Tallak; the latter was recently transferred to Bommegaudankere in the Molakalmuru Taluk. The feeding allowance of Rs. 17—4—0 per month allowed to the chattram at Challakere lasts only for about 15 days. Several pilgrims from Shimoga, Madaksira, Bellary, Bangalore, &c., come here on their way to Kasi, Rameswaram, &c. Besides this, Bairagis from 20 to 40 in number arrive at Challakere daily. It is not possible to supply their wants with this small allowance of Rs. 17—4—0. It is believed that the allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem granted to the Annachattram at Chitaldroog is not spent fully. Any surplus that may remain out of that grant may be transferred to this Chattram.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner states that there are no savings in the Chitaldroog Chattram and that if any accrue, they may be required for the repair and maintenance of that chattram.

Subject No. 94.
Supply of water-pumps to Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the Challakere Taluk, a large area is cultivated under Kapile-wells which require strong bullocks and costly buckets and much manual labor. As the Government have supplied sugar-cane mills to some Taluks, this Taluk may be supplied with water-pumps. This would mitigate to a great extent the hardship which the raiyats are now experiencing.

Dewan's reply.—The Government will try and introduce any useful pumps suitable for irrigation purposes.

Subject No. 95.
Prohibitive upset prices on lands sought for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—In this year several Darkhasts for land were rejected on the ground that the upset price fixed on them was not realised at the auction sale. This of course is in accordance with the Revenue Rules published recently.

The trees, wells or buildings in such lands were planted or constructed by the raiyats only, and not by Government. Raiyats who relinquished their lands were not compensated for their trees, or wells, or buildings so relinquished. Therefore, the rule that the value of such trees or buildings should be paid when the lands are applied for is a hard one. Further, Government loses the Land Revenue by rejecting such applications. Here, the rains often fail, the practice of throwing up lands when the prospects of the season are not good and again applying for them when there is a change for the better is largely resorted to by the raiyats. Therefore the rules which were hitherto in force of selling the lands at a competitive sale and knocking them down to the highest bidder may be renewed.

Dewan's reply.—The object of requiring an upset price to be fixed on lands put up to sale by auction is to prevent collusion among purchasers. The price should not be pitched unnecessarily high so as to be prohibitive to *bonâ fide* cultivators. The Deputy Commissioner has discretion to lower the price, if he finds it necessary in the interests of *bonâ fide* Darkhastdars. But a raiyat who has relinquished the land to avoid payment of kandayam intending however to take it up again, is scarcely a *bonâ fide* Darkhastdar entitled to much special consideration.

Subject No. 96.

Undue reservation of land fit for irrigation because stocked with date trees.

Summary of discussion.—Some new tanks have been constructed in this taluk. But wet lands under them are not given out on the ground that they contain date trees. By this the object of the Government in constructing such tanks is defeated. Therefore, lands which are capable of being cultivated with wet crops should be let out, irrespective of date trees standing on them.

Dewan's reply.—No reservation on account of date trees is required of lands fit for paddy cultivation. The Deputy Commissioner will be directed to inquire into the particular cases now alleged and do needful in the matter.

Subject No. 97.

Inconvenient proximity of Amrut Mahal Kavals to tank beds.

Summary of discussion.—In some villages, kavals of Amrut Mahal Department are close by, and in some cases form a portion of beds of tanks. Whenever the village cattle go into the kavals for grazing or drinking water, they are impounded by the people of that Department. Therefore some portions of such kavals and tank beds may be separated and handed over to the villagers for the use of their cattle.

Dewan's reply.—Representation should be made in individual cases of hardship and then the same will be examined by the Deputy Commissioner and any real hardship found to exist will be redressed.

Subject No. 98.

Abolition of fuel preserves.

Summary of discussion.—The abolition of seigniorage on fuel has been nominal in the Chitaldroog District, because it is still levied in Fuel Preserves recently formed. It is well known that Chitaldroog is a Maidan District, the raiyats